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Louisiana 2010 Crop Acreage and Production

Good weather conditions expedited the harvest of soybeans and cotton this year. Yields were good, but no state records were set in 2010, even though many individual producers exceeded state records for their individual operations.

Cotton production is estimated at 450,000 bales, up 29 percent from 2009. The 2010 planted acreage was estimated at 255,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. An estimated 250,000 acres were harvested, up 11 percent from 2009. Yield per acre was 864 pounds, up 119 pounds from 2009.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 12.2 million net tons, down 11 percent from 2009. Production for sugar is estimated at 11.3 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 870,000 net tons. An estimated 420,000 total acres were harvested, with 390,000 acres for sugar, the same as last year. The remaining 30,000 were acres harvested for seed, down 14 percent from last year. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 29.0 net tons per acre, down 3.2 net tons from the 2009 yield.

Louisiana's soybean production is estimated at 41.8 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2009. Total planted acreage was 1,030,000 acres, up one percent from 2009. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 1,020,000 acres, up nine percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 41 bushels per acre, up two bushels from the previous year. This is the second highest yield on record, only one bushel away from tying the state record set in 2007.

Louisiana's all rice production is estimated at 32.6 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2009. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 30.2 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 2.4 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreage for 2010 were 540,000 and 535,000 acres, respectively, both up 15 percent from 2009. The statewide yield averaged 6,100 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2009.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 70.0 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2009. The 2010 planted acreage was estimated at 510,000 acres, down 19 percent from the previous year. An estimated 500,000 acres were harvested, down 18 percent from 2009. Yield per acre was an estimated 140 bushels, up eight bushels from the previous year.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 7.4 million bushels, compared to 5.3 million in 2009. Total planted acreage was estimated at 82,000 acres, of which 78,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 95 bushels, was up 13 bushels from 2009.

Louisiana's sweet potato production is estimated at 2.5 million cwt, up 52 percent from 2009. An estimated 13,500 acres were planted in 2010, down four percent from 2009. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,000 acres, up eight percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 190 cwt per acre, up 55 cwt from 2009.

All hay production in Louisiana in 2010 is estimated at 1.3 million tons, up 18 percent from 2009. An estimated 450,000 acres were harvested in 2010, up 18 percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.8 tons per acre, unchanged from 2009.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2010, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	Yield	Prod.	2009	2010
	----Thousand Acres----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn for Grain	610	500	132	140	bushels	bushels	80,520	70,000
Corn Silage	3	5	13	16	tons	tons	39	80
Rice, All	464	535	6,300	6,100	pounds	cwt	29,217	32,625
Rice, Long Grain	410	495	6,320	6,110	pounds	cwt	25,912	30,245
Rice, Medium Grain	54	40	6,120	5,950	pounds	cwt	3,305	2,380
Upland Cotton	225	250	745	864	pounds	bales ¹	349	450
Sorghum for Grain	65	78	82	95	bushels	bushels	5,330	7,410
Sorghum Silage	1	1	11	11	tons	tons	11	11
Soybeans	940	1,020	39	41	bushels	bushels	36,660	41,820
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	425	420	32.2	29	net tons	net tons	13,685	12,180
Sugarcane, Sugar	390	390	32.2	29	net tons	net tons	12,558	11,310
Sugarcane, Seed	35	30	32.2	29	net tons	net tons	1,127	870
Sweet Potatoes	12	13	135	190	cwt	cwt	1,620	2,470
Wheat, Winter	175	110	56	50	bushels	bushels	9,800	5,500
Hay, All	380	450	2.8	2.8	tons	tons	1,064	1,260

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2010, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	Yield	Prod.	2009	2010
	---Thousand Acres---		-----Units-----				---Thousand Units---	
Corn for Grain	79,490	81,446	164.7	152.8	bushels	bushels	13,091,862	12,446,865
Corn Silage	5,605	5,567	19.3	19.3	tons	tons	108,209	107,314
Rice, All	3,103	3,615	7,085	6,725	pounds	cwt	219,850	243,104
Rice, Long Grain	2,265	2,826	6,743	6,486	pounds	cwt	152,725	183,296
Rice, Medium Grain	786	746	8,052	7,660	pounds	cwt	63,291	57,144
Upland Cotton	7,391	10,505	766	814	pounds	bales ¹	11,788	17,817
Sorghum for Grain	5,520	4,808	69.4	71.8	bushels	bushels	382,983	345,395
Sorghum Silage	254	273	14.5	12.5	tons	tons	3,680	3,420
Soybeans	76,372	76,616	44.0	43.5	bushels	bushels	3,359,011	3,329,341
Sugarcane (Sugar and Seed)	873.9	881.2	34.8	33.5	net tons	net tons	30,432	29,535
Sugarcane, Sugar	817.0	828.7	34.9	33.6	net tons	net tons	28,494	27,851
Sugarcane, Seed	56.9	52.5	34.1	32.1	net tons	net tons	1,938	1,684
Sweet Potatoes	96.9	116.9	201	204	cwt	cwt	19,469	23,845
Wheat, Winter	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	bushels	bushels	1,524,608	1,485,236
Hay, All	59,755	59,862	2.47	2.43	tons	tons	147,700	145,556

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2010, at 25.3 million bushels, were down 12 percent from December 1, 2009. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Soybeans stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2010, totaled 9.9 million bushels, down 22 percent from December 1, 2009. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2010, totaled eight million bushels, up six percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2010

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn				
On-Farm			7,405,000	6,302,000
Off-Farm ²	28,798	25,258	<u>3,497,460</u>	<u>3,737,877</u>
Total			10,902,460	10,039,877
Sorghum				
On-Farm			48,000	30,500
Off-Farm ²	4,299	3/	<u>202,759</u>	<u>205,023</u>
Total			250,759	235,523
Soybeans				
On-Farm			1,229,500	1,091,000
Off-Farm ²	12,614	9,871	<u>1,109,050</u>	<u>1,185,860</u>
Total			2,338,550	2,276,860
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			558,800	550,000
Off-Farm ²	7,484	7,966	<u>1,222,891</u>	<u>1,377,755</u>
Total			1,781,691	1,927,755

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	Rough Rice		
December 1, 2009	9,000	7,900	16,900
March 1, 2010	4,550	5,391	9,941
August 1, 2010	200	1,757	1,957
December 1, 2010	10,500	9,134	19,634

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2010, totaled 19.6 million cwt, up 16 percent from the total on December 1, 2009. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 10.5 million cwt, compared to nine million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 9.1 million cwt, up 16 percent from last year.

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	Rough Rice		
December 1, 2009	51,880	104,726	156,606
March 1, 2010	23,465	80,516	103,981
August 1, 2010	1,200	29,176	30,376
December 1, 2010	63,317	109,569	172,886
	Milled Rice		
December 1, 2009	---	5,679	5,679
March 1, 2010	---	4,895	4,895
August 1, 2010	---	4,380	4,380
December 1, 2010	---	6,302	6,302

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 200,000 acres of winter wheat for 2011, up 60 percent from the previous year. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 41.0 million acres, up ten percent from 2010 but five percent below 2009. Seeding began last August and during September was slightly behind the five-year average. During October, seeding progressed slightly ahead of the five-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 47 percent good to excellent compared with 63 percent good to excellent the previous year.

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Winter Wheat Seedings

Selected States	Area Planted			
	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
	-----1,000 Acres-----			Percent
Arkansas	430	200	450	+125
Kansas	9,300	8,400	8,800	+5
Louisiana	185	125	200	+60
Mississippi	180	125	300	+140
Texas	6,400	5,700	5,750	+1
United States	43,346	37,335	40,990	+10

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